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1. Production Schemes

- a. Dereta Luka, Director of the Istrian Bauxite Mines, was received by Marshal Tito during the latter's August sojourn in Brioni. Luka submitted to Tito a plan whereby, through the addition of certain equipment and modern methods (unspecified), production in the bauxite mines could be increased by 30 percent. Tito allegedly favored immediate adoption of the plan.
- b. The metal and coal mines of Jelasnica, Hrastnik, Rinj, Trbovlje, Vares, Zagorje and Zenica had recently received from the Shock Brigades of the Peoples' Front a series of directives for increasing production, based on a system used by Sirotanovic (fnu), who had become a Yugoslav "STAR HANOV" and national hero, having far exceeded his production quotas.

2. Reclamation Projects

At Sutorina and Ulcinj, in the Dalmatian Littoral, two large reclamation projects were initiated. At Sutorina approximately 600 hectares of land were being reclaimed for the purpose of growing specific plants and herbs from which drugs and chemicals could be extracted. In the past Yugoslavia has had to import such pharmaceutical products from abroad. At Ulcinj 4,000 hectares were being reclaimed for the same purpose.

In order to protect work brigades of the Peoples' Front from mosquitoes and malaria, the entire work area near the Bojana River where it crosses the Ulcinj Plain was sprayed with DDT from aircraft supplied by the Yugoslav Ministry of Health.

At Stojesko Polje, in the Ulcinj plain, barracks had been constructed for the workers, and a store, medical center and elementary school were under construction. This part of the reclamation project was being supervised by Jovo Jovetic, a Partisan commander during the war.

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3. Lake Scutari

Work was proceeding on the draining of Lake Scutari, as planned. At the town of Rec, which has been protected from floods from the Lake and the Bojana River by a dam built many years ago, a new dike, to be 6,140 meters in length, was under construction along the Vojana River.

The brigades engaged in the project were to be housed on a small hill outside of the town where barracks were constructed. Up to that time, no mechanical equipment had been made available for this construction work.

Work brigades from Kotor, Ulcinj and Vladimir are regularly engaged on the project, while small volunteer groups from neighboring villages assist on Sundays and holidays.

4. Suplja Stjena

A small amount of new mining equipment from abroad had recently arrived at the lead and zinc mines of Suplja Stjena and helped increase production slightly.

Since work was being done without electric light, plans were still underway to build a hydro-electric plant in the vicinity of Graza.

The miners were fed in a communal mess and there were many complaints about the quality of food. However, since most of the miners are members of the Yugoslav Communist Party, the food situation did not result in work stoppage.

5. Roads

Work on the construction of highways and main roads was accelerated during the summer by the assistance of Youth Brigades, People's Front Voluntary Work Brigades and detachments of troops. Troops in a unit commanded by Major Savo Radakovic distinguished themselves particularly and were receiving much publicity so as to set them off as an example to other brigades.

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